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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal during October, with no very warm or very cold weather. The first freezing temperatures occurred early in the month in the west, about the middle in the central and northeast, and on the 24th in the southeast. The month was very dry, with only a little less than one-fourth the normal precipitation. The only portion of the State which received more than half the normal was the southeastern corner.

The past week was rather cool, with hard freezing Tuesday night and again over the week end. Warm weather prevailed Friday and Saturday, but another sharp change to the colder was overspreading the State at the close of the week. The first snow of the season occurred Tuesday over most of the State, but it was generally too light to be of any benefit. Strong winds raised considerable dust on one or two days.

CROPS The condition of winter wheat is slightly lower due to the continued autumn drouth. With very few exceptions there has been no rain of consequence since the last days of September. The top soil is dry and some of the wheat is turning yellow, due to the lack of surface moisture. High winds of the past week have done some damage.

The harvesting of dry land corn is nearly completed in the eastern and central sections. Yields have been averaging somewhat higher than anticipated in northern areas. Corn picking was delayed in western Nebraska because of high moisture content. However, harvesting has made good progress since the freeze of October 24. Central and southern Nebraska have the poorest yields.

Harvest of irrigated corn made good progress since the freeze early last week. Yields are up to expectations and some are better than anticipated. High winds and the corn borer caused a considerable number of the corn ears to drop.

The harvest of grain sorghums is nearing completion. The harvest of sugar beets will be completed this week. Most of the late commercial potatoes have been placed in storage and movement so far has been very light.

About one-third of the counties are reporting a short supply of feed grain. A few counties in the irrigated area are reporting surpluses. About one-fourth of the counties are reporting a short supply of hay and forage, the balance generally reporting ample. About two-thirds of the counties are reporting range and pasture short.

LIVESTOCK Nebraska cattle slaughter for the first nine months of the year totals 1,399,000 head, an increase of nine per cent over the first nine months of 1954. An increase of three per cent in slaughter was reported for the nation as a whole. Calf slaughter is down considerably in Nebraska and down slightly for the nation.

Nebraska hog slaughter for the first nine months of the year totals 2,449,000 head, an increase of 38 per cent over the first nine months of 1954. Nationally, hog slaughter is up 14 per cent. Nebraska sheep slaughter is down slightly but up three per cent for the country as a whole.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 1955

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.00
Lincoln	.10
Norfolk	.02
Omaha	.02
Sioux City	0

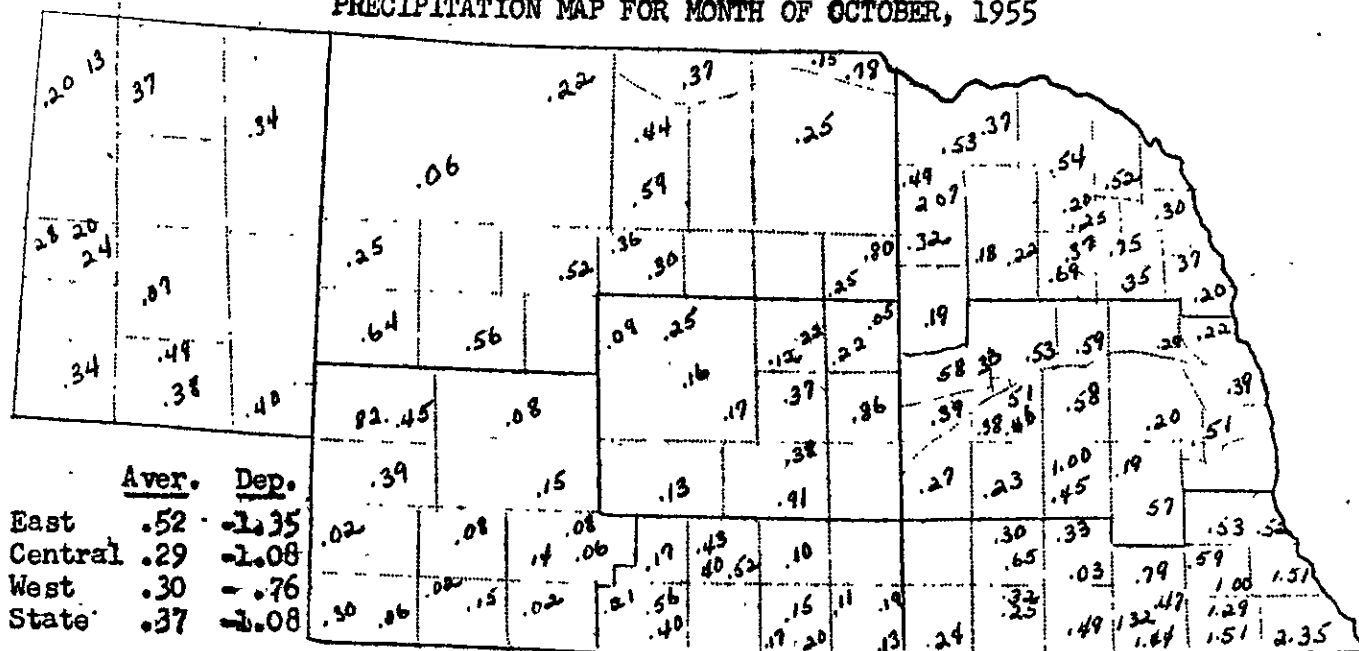
Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	.23
Valentine	0

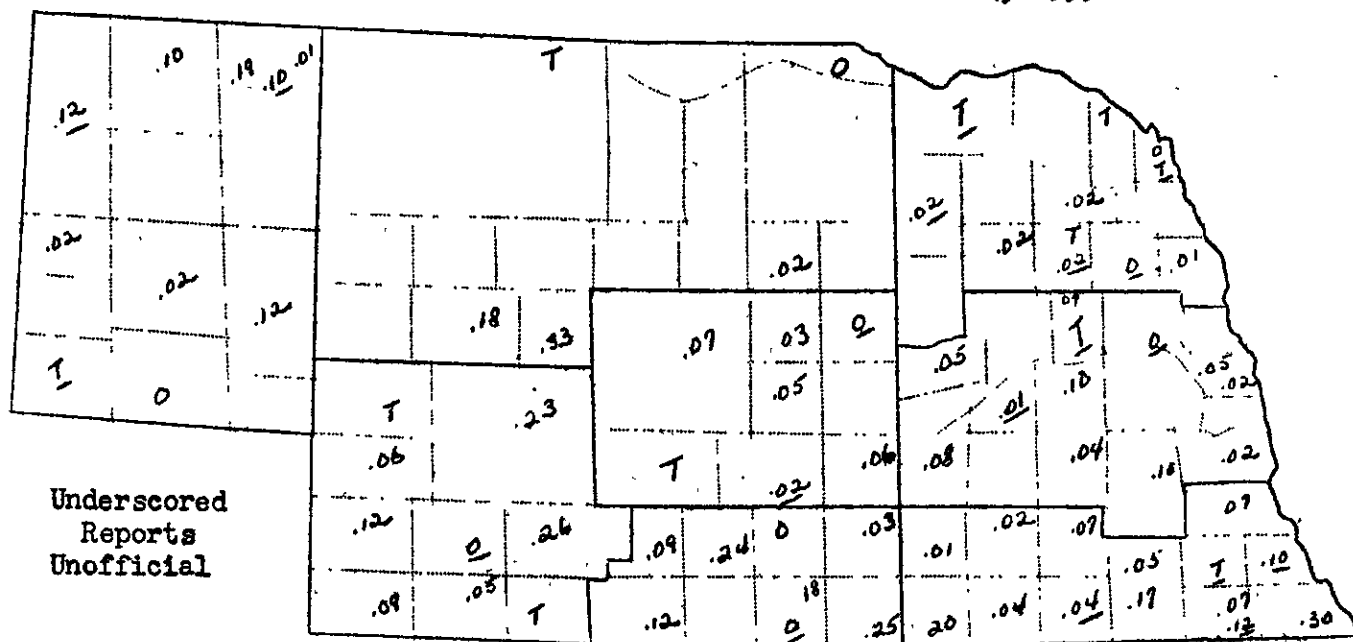
Western Division

Chadron	.10
Imperial	0
Scottsbluff	.02
Sidney	.02

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1955



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Nov. 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	47	17	40	11	33	7	60	30	71	44	55	22	46	21
	Scottsbluff	53	17	48	13	36	16	62	30	71	47	55	27	48	28
	Sidney	46	25	45	13	36	16	63	30	73	37	57	25	48	26
NC	Burwell	52	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	61	--	--	--
	Valentine	45	15	47	23	35	10	58	28	72	42	60	19	42	20
NE	Norfolk	56	32	54	26	36	11	50	26	70	43	67	24	42	21
	Sioux City	58	38	56	29	38	14	44	27	62	38	63	24	39	20
CEN	Grand Island	58	32	55	26	40	14	53	32	75	43	67	24	47	23
EC	Lincoln	69	35	60	34	46	20	51	37	69	45	70	28	47	25
	Omaha	67	38	56	32	39	14	45	30	62	44	69	24	43	20
SW	Imperial	56	35	50	20	36	14	64	28	78	36	65	25	53	29
	North Platte	55	24	48	21	30	9	56	25	77	33	61	22	51	23

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